

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein said web substrate is selected from a group consisting of textile material, heat sensitive material, paper, hook fastening web, ~~and~~ loop fastening web, polyethylene materials and non-woven.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the coating device is spaced from the path of the web substrate at a distance between about 0.5 to about 20 mm.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein the distance between the coating device and the web substrate is less than about 10 mm.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the coating device is a slot nozzle.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said slot nozzle has a shim gap of less than 5 mm.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the web substrate is directed substantially vertically immediately after passing the coating device.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the thermoplastic composition is dispensed onto the web substrate such that the coating weight is less than about 30 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the thermoplastic composition is coated at a rate of 200 meters/min.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a continuous film layer of a thermoplastic composition onto a substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a molten thermoplastic composition;
  - b) advancing a web ~~substrate~~ along a path;
  - c) dispensing a continuous film of said thermoplastic composition from a coating device at a coating temperature wherein the thermoplastic composition has a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/seconds at the coating temperature and a complex viscosity ranging from about 100 poise to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temperature;
  - d) suspending said film between said coating device and said web ~~substrate~~; and
  - e) contacting said film with said advancing web, ~~substrate~~
- wherein the thermoplastic composition is released from the coating device at a temperature of less than about 160°C.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the thermoplastic composition is released from the coating device at a temperature of less than about 125°C.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the thermoplastic composition is released from the coating device at a temperature of less than about 110°C.

Claims 13-32 (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a continuous film layer of a hot melt adhesive onto a web ~~substrate~~, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a melted hot melt adhesive composition;
- b) advancing a web ~~substrate~~ along a path;
- c) dispensing a continuous film of said hot melt adhesive composition from a coating device at a coating temperature wherein the hot melt adhesive composition has a

complex viscosity ranging from about 100 poise to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temperature;

d) suspending said film between said coating device and said web substrate; and

e) contacting said film with said advancing web substrate wherein said film has an area weight of less than 20 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

34. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33, wherein said web substrate is selected from the group consisting of textile material, heat sensitive materials, paper, hook fastening web, and loop fastening web webs, polyethylene materials, and nonwoven.

35. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33, wherein the coating device is spaced from the path of the web substrate at a distance between about 0.5 and 20 mm.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33, wherein the coating device is a slot nozzle.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33, wherein the hot melt adhesive is coated at a rate of at least about 200 meters/minute.

39. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33, wherein the hot melt adhesive is released from the coating device at a temperature less than about 160°C.

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33, wherein the hot melt adhesive is released from the coating device at a temperature less than about 125°C.

41. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33, wherein the hot melt adhesive is released from the coating device at a temperature less than about 110°C.

42. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein said thermoplastic composition is a hot melt adhesive composition.

Claim 43 (Cancelled)

44. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a continuous film layer of a hot melt adhesive onto a web substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a molten hot melt adhesive composition;
- b) advancing a web substrate along a path;
- c) dispensing a continuous film of said hot melt adhesive composition from a coating device at a coating temperature wherein the hot melt adhesive composition has a complex viscosity ranging from about 100 poise to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temperature;
- d) suspending said film between said coating device and said web substrate; and
- e) contacting said film with said advancing web substrate wherein said film consists essentially of a single layer of said hot melt adhesive having a film thickness of 75 microns.

Claim 45 (Cancelled)

46. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a continuous film layer of a thermoplastic composition onto a web substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a molten thermoplastic composition;
- b) advancing a web substrate along a path;
- c) dispensing a continuous film of said thermoplastic composition from a coating device at a coating temperature wherein the thermoplastic composition has a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/second at the

coating temperature and a complex viscosity ranging from about 100 to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temperature;

d) suspending said film between said coating device and said web ~~substrate~~; and

e) contacting said film with said advancing web ~~substrate~~ wherein the coat weight of the film is less than 20 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the thermoplastic composition is a polyolefin selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, amorphous polyolefins, and metallocene polyolefins.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 33 wherein the hot melt adhesive composition comprises ~~up to 40 % of a~~ thermoplastic polymer, ~~up to 40 % of a~~ plasticizer and ~~up to 70 % of a~~ tackifying resin.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the thermoplastic composition is a polyolefin selected from the group consisting of atactic polyalphaolefins, synthetic rubbers, and ethylenic copolymers.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49 wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a synthetic rubber that is a block copolymer.

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 49 wherein the thermoplastic polymer is an ethylenic copolymer ~~that is~~ selected from the group consisting of ethylene-vinyl acetate, ethylene-methyl-acrylate, and ethylene n-butyl acrylate.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the thermoplastic composition is breathable.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the thermoplastic composition is water soluble.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the thermoplastic composition is biodegradable.

55. (Previously Presented) A method of forming a continuous film layer of a hot melt adhesive composition onto a non-woven substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) advancing a non-woven substrate made from fibers along a path;
- b) dispensing a melted hot melt adhesive composition from a coating device such that it exits the coating device as a continuous film at a coating temperature wherein the hot melt adhesive composition has a complex viscosity ranging from about 100 poise to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temperature;
- c) suspending said continuous film such that said film builds in viscosity and cohesive strength such that any fibers of the substrate do not penetrate said continuous film; and
- d) contacting said film with said advancing substrate.

56. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a continuous film layer of a thermoplastic composition onto a substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a molten thermoplastic composition;
- b) advancing a substrate along a path;
- c) dispensing a continuous film of said thermoplastic composition from a coating device at a coating temperature wherein the thermoplastic composition has a complex viscosity less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/second at the coating temperature and a complex viscosity ranging from about 100 to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temperature;
- d) suspending said film between said coating device and said substrate; and
- e) contacting said film with said advancing substrate wherein said substrate is selected from the group consisting of textile material, paper, hook fastening web, loop fastening web, polyethylene material, non-woven and combinations thereof.

Please add the following new claims.

57.(New) A method of forming a continuous film on a web, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) advancing a web along a path;
  - b) dispensing a molten hot melt adhesive composition from a coating device in the form of a continuous film at a coating temperature less than about 160°C, the hot melt adhesive composition having a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/seconds and a complex viscosity ranging from about 100 poise to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temperature, the hot melt adhesive comprising thermoplastic polymer and at least one of tackifying resin and plasticizer;
  - d) suspending said film between said coating device and said web;
- and
- e) contacting said film with said advancing web,
- said continuous film having a coat weight on said web of no greater than 30 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

58.(New) The method of claim 57, wherein said web comprises a non-woven web comprising fibers.

59.(New) The method of claim 57, wherein said web is permeable.

60.(New) The method of claim 57, wherein said web is a roll good.

61.(New) The method of claim 57, wherein said hot melt adhesive composition comprises thermoplastic polymer, tackifying resin and plasticizer.

62.(New) The method of claim 57, wherein said contacting adheres said film to said web.

63.(New) A method of forming a continuous closed barrier layer, said method comprising:

- a) advancing a web along a path;
- b) dispensing thermoplastic composition from a coating device in the form of a continuous film at a temperature at a coating temperature less than about 160°C, the thermoplastic composition having a complex viscosity less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/second and a complex viscosity from about 100 to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temperature;
- c) suspending said film between said coating device and said web; and
- d) contacting said film with said advancing web to form a continuous closed barrier layer on said web.

64.(New) The method of claim 63, wherein said thermoplastic composition comprises a hot melt adhesive composition comprising thermoplastic polymer and at least one of tackifying resin and plasticizer.